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How can we improve Air Quality in Cambridge?

We want your views

Cambridge has a problem with its air quality. At the beginning of this year, the EU Directive on Air Quality became legally binding in the UK. In parts of the city centre, particularly around Drummer Street bus station, the atmospheric pollution at times breaches the average annual legal level designated by the EU.

We have cautiously supported the recent Transport Commission's report, which highlighted the need for Congestion Charging in Cambridge in tandem with major quality improvements to sustainable transport such as travel by bus and bike. Currently Cambridgeshire County Council is consulting the public on its Local Transport Plan* that will be effective from 2011 and covers the city and the rest of the county. Recent discussions with local people have highlighted the particular but not exclusive inner city problem of poor air quality within some public areas. We consider this an important issue, which needs to be tackled. We are very keen to hear your views on the air quality problems facing the city and how you think that the issues could best be managed.

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We are also keen that air quality is identified within the Local Transport Plan as a priority.

The average annual level of Nitrogen Dioxide, one of the main markers of atmospheric pollutants in cities, permitted by the EU is 40 micrograms/metre3 of air. In the quieter residential streets, it is about 29-33 mcg/m3 – below the threshold as set by the EU. However at the main ring road intersections, it is about 42-45mcg/m3, and around the bus station and stops at Drummer/ Emmanuel Street, the level averages around 55mg/m3 and may exceed 100mg/m3 at times of peak traffic and stable weather conditions. Although rarely breaching the maximum EU ceiling of 200mg/m3, air pollution is worsening. In the last three years 20% more buses are operating within the city but the Nitrogen Dioxide emissions of buses have only been reduced by 12.5%.

Atmospheric pollution from vehicles, including Nitrogen Dioxide, has been linked to increases in asthma and respiratory problems, and even to premature deaths in the UK. Because of its acidity, it also accelerates the corrosion of the stonework on historic buildings.

In Cambridge one of the primary sources of this pollution is the exhaust fumes from buses. Around Drummer Street, buses account for approximately half the pollution load. Halving these emissions by introducing cleaner vehicles would bring the pollution levels below the EU standard.

Buses are a key part of our efforts to reduce congestion. **CambridgePPF is not anti-bus – in fact we need more buses to get people out of their cars, but we also need buses that are cleaner and less polluting**. Anyone visiting the city centre will recognise the problem of some buses spewing out clouds of diesel exhaust in the faces of pedestrians and cyclists, and what a relief it would be to have clean buses.

Cleaner buses obviously come at a cost, and this in turn could impact on services or fares. There is an inevitable trade-off between reduced emissions and maintaining services. We need to work with the operators to explore how best to introduce the higher pollution standards without impacting on fares. **However, because of the legal requirement, it is not a matter of whether we should clean up our air but of how best to do it.**

As Cambridge continues to expand, the number of buses will increase. The issue therefore is how to reduce emissions without threatening services and fares.
In essence, this presents a choice – **should priority be given to cleaning Cambridge's air and alleviating the potential public health problems or to maintaining services and fares at all costs?**
This is the debate CambridgePPF wants to stimulate. We will be seeking to raise the issue with the City Council, that has responsibility for the city's air quality, the County Council, that is responsible for the buses, the bus operators and the public.
Your views on this issue will help us to campaign for better quality air within the City.

Robin Pellew OBE
Chairman – CambridgePPF

** Find Cambridgeshire County Council's Local Transport Plan consultation document [LPT 3] at www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/transport/strategies/local/ Note locations of exhibitions throughout the County – eg CAMBRIDGE **17 March** (9am – 8pm) at Lion Yard. Please comment directly to the County Council by 9 April 2010.*

CambridgePPF seeks the opinions of its members in relation to air pollution. Please send us an email to: planning@cambridgeppf.org or write to the CambridgePPF office expressing your views — latest by end March 2010. Do follow this debate and information on our website www.cambridgeppf.org

Everyone made the most of the transformation as Wandlebury enjoyed some fabulous snowy days over the winter months. This photograph, "*White Out at Wandlebury*" was the **overall winner of last year's Photography Competition** and taken by Jenny Dulieu, Accounts & Admin Officer, taken during one of her lunch breaks a year ago.

Dear Member

Welcome to the Spring 2010 edition of The Ring. The magazine outlines some of the activities of your Society over the last six months, but in particular I would like to take advantage of this mailing to draw your attention to some key highlights:

- The re-launch in September of last year as Cambridge Past, Present & Future was a great success with some 300 people in The Guildhall and extensive media coverage. Since then our membership has grown by some 20% to around 1,300 with more people joining every day.
- The conference we organised on 17th September on the future development of the East of England called, 'How Can We Avoid Throttling The Goose?', attracted a distinguished line-up of speakers and was a sell-out with no empty seats in the auditorium. The proceedings are currently being prepared for publication on the web, and a number of specialist follow-up sessions are underway.
- Last year our Education Programme at Wandlebury attracted a record attendance – 56 schools with 2,480 children so well done our Education Team.
- We presented a powerful case against the unrealistic plans proposed by the East of England Development Agency for development in the East of England up to 2031, arguing both that the slowdown in the local economy and the capacity of the Cambridge area to assimilate yet more housing were unsustainable. Our full submission is on our website — see page 13 for a summary.
- Our Coton Countryside Reserve was singled out in a report in January from Natural England, the Government adviser on the natural environment, as an example of how Green Belt land around busy cities can be managed with imagination for public benefit — see page 12.
- Responding to a consultation by the City Council, we strongly argued the case for more green space provision and improvements to existing and any new green spaces — see pages 12 –13 for further details.
- We are hosting a public meeting on the subject of Tall Buildings in Cambridge in the evening of Wednesday 3rd March – if you have strong feelings about protecting the city skyline or believe that we should be building upwards rather than outwards, then do please let your voice be heard .
- We are also launching a campaign to clean up the air quality in the city centre. EU limits on air quality became legally-binding this year, and parts of the city centre breach the maximum permitted levels. The main source of this pollution is exhaust emissions from buses. Obviously we need more buses to get people out of their cars, but equally we need cleaner buses that produce less exhaust— see article on front page and page 2.
- Nigel Bell joined the Cambridge Past Present & Future team in June 2009 as part-time Planning Support Officer. Born in Cambridge, he previously worked for Cambridge University Press, though he has lived and worked elsewhere; including gaining a Philosophy degree from Birmingham University and working for the Inland Revenue in London and Telford. Nigel is also the County Councillor for Ely (North & East) and lives in a village near Ely.

  Nigel is providing administration to the Society's Planning Committee and Heritage Working Group. He also monitors planning issues and has helped with the organisation of conferences on planning matters. In addition he provides administrative support to the East of England Civic Societies, which CambridgePPF currently chairs.
- We are hosting a public meeting for Newnham residents in March to outline some of the development issues facing Cambridge and the surrounding villages, and what CambridgePPF is doing about it.
- Two new Trustees have joined our Board; Catherine Cairns, on the right, currently working for Natural England, has spent her whole career working in the countryside around towns in a variety of roles and Sarah Baylis brings her experience as a freelance teacher, researcher and writer on many aspects of art and architectural history, local, folk and social history.

These are just some of the activities in which we have been engaged over the winter but I hope they give you a flavour of the range of issues that the Society is addressing. However, if we are to have greater influence we must continue to grow our membership – if you know a friend, neighbour or work colleague who might be interested in what we do, do please encourage them to check us out on the website.

With best wishes

Robin Pellew OBE
Chairman – CambridgePPF

Halloween Highlights

Our busiest Ranger events of the year took place at the end of last year. Both the Halloween Pumpkin Sculpture and the Christmas Crafts events gave families the chance to celebrate with us and make imaginative creations using natural materials.

Main Ranger events take place at weekends. Halloween, the 31st October was a Saturday this year, so any families came dressed up to add to the spirit of the occasion!

Families carved their own individual pumpkins and mounted them on stakes, then created a pumpkin body from branches and foliage. In all around ninety pumpkin sculptures were created in the paddock outside the Wandlebury Stable Rooms (the Education Centre). This was followed by a walk around The Ring in the dark, with just the aid of lanterns along the way, a few torches and quite a few glow sticks. On arrival back at the Stable Rooms all the pumpkin lanterns were lit up and there was plenty of time to walk round them in the dark and admire all the different designs.

Christmas Crafts

This was the second year for our Christmas Crafts event (in previous years the Tree Dressing event took place at the beginning of December). Decorations were made using natural materials, all collected and saved through the year. Some wonderful wreaths, candle centerpieces and tree decorations were created by all members of the families. In the afternoon we were joined by The Little Choir who sang Christmas carols while people finished off their decorations. Song sheets were distributed so that we could sing along to some of the favourite carols, and then those who wished to joined the Rangers for a short twilight walk around Wandlebury with lanterns and torches.

Wildlife Sightings

There was much excitement in late summer (1st September 2009) over the sighting of a species of spider previously unrecorded at Wandlebury Country Park. This was identified as *Argiope bruennichi,* a very distinctive spider with black, yellow and white horizontal stripes across the abdomen, hence its common name of wasp spider.

The spider is also new to Cambridgeshire, with only two known previous recordings, in Cambourne 2008 and Peterborough a couple of years before this ('Nature in Cambridgeshire' No 51, 2009). *Argiope bruennichi* is primarily a species from southern Europe which has spread northwards into Germany and Holland, and is now appearing in new sites in southern Britain with our warming climate. It is likely to become a familiar sight in damp meadows and rough grassland, feeding on insects.

The specimen at Wandlebury is likely to be a female because of its large size (females 15mm, males 4-5mm). It displayed itself on the archway wall of the Stable Block under the clock tower for a couple of days, moving up and down next to the Men's Toilet door!

Clay Ovens Courses at Wandlebury

There is a growing interest in the use of clay ovens as an authentic green approach to outdoor cooking. They have been used for the last 2000 years across the world. Clay ovens are made from a mix of sand and clay on a brick base and wood fired. It is quite simple to build and experience your own clay oven and taste succulent food in a very pleasing, efficient and economical way.

5 years ago Rupert Dick went on a clay oven making course and was so inspired by it that he has now built three ovens himself and wants to spread the word by showing other people how to do it. As Rupert says, "There is something really down to earth about building and using a clay oven. The food and smells are fantastic and it makes a real focal point in the garden"

Last year CambridgePPF was approached by Rupert, in the guise of Real Clay Ovens, about running a number of courses in Wandlebury Country Park. This idea was enthusiastically received by the Head Ranger and Properties Manager, as a result a clay oven will be constructed and one day courses will be run by Real Clay Ovens from April to October 2010. Based in the Paddock by the Stable Rooms, course members will be shown, hands on, how to build their own oven, how to bake bread in the oven and various other uses. The one day course includes a full lunch cooked in a clay oven to experience the real cooking effect.

If you are interested in attending a course on one of the following dates:

Sat 10 April	Sat 10 July
Sat 8 May	Sat 7 Aug
Sat 29 May	Sat 28 Aug
Sun 13 June	Sat 4 Sep
Sun 27 June	Sat 18 Sep

or if you want to find out more please visit their website http://www.realclayovens.co.uk where you can find out more information and how to register for a course.

Thinking on their feet

If you asked most people how teenagers like to spend their Friday afternoons, the chances are "high speed orienteering round Wandlebury Country Park" would not spring immediately to mind.

But during the Autumn term we were visited by 45 twelve to eighteen-year-old pupils from Beechwood School who raced around Wandlebury Country Park on five consecutive Friday afternoons. They were orienteering, at impressive speed, through fair weather and foul!

Initially racing in pairs against each other, they soon picked up a range of orienteering skills such as relating the features they could see on the ground to the symbols on their orienteering maps, using the detail shown on the 1:5,000 scale maps and orientating themselves using a compass.

And so that the intrepid youngsters could show that they had completed their mission, control posts were positioned at each of the places on the map they were required to visit. As they went by, the racers would punch holes with pin punches attached to these posts, thereby leaving a record that they had been there.

So what did the Beechwood School pupils gain from these five sessions? Well, apart from getting some healthy exercise and having fun, they came away with a whole range of valuable orienteering skills:

- how to notice and remember what they passed (collecting features)
- how to be aware of what they might notice if they went too far (catching features)
- how to decide upon the quickest routes considering the ground conditions and map reading complexity,
- how to use attack points (an obvious feature) to find the less obvious control point
- how to relocate when confused.

All of the above were discussed and practiced with enthusiasm and nobody shied away from experimenting with a variety of tactics - or from verbal evaluations of each other's performance!

Each pupil also ran a timed orienteering course every week, the results of which were then displayed at Beechwood School to help participants chart their progress.

Orienteering sessions at Wandlebury can be booked by groups; individuals can use the permanent course at any time, maps are available from the office. Please check www.cambridgeppf.org for special orienteering taster events. Schools may have either half or full day sessions for KS 2 children and at KS 3 or above a series of progressive sessions are also available.

David Newson retires

David Newson has stepped down after more than 20 years of showing visitors over Bourn Mill and helping the Society to look after this ancient structure.

As the son of a clock mender and photographer, David has always had a fascination with mechanical things and a passion for explaining how they work and the science behind them. Teaching Science at Comberton Village College for many years, until the mid 1980s, he is particularly proud of the course that he developed for less academic pupils, focusing on practical science in astronomy, automotive industries, aircraft and gardening, with support from local businesses.

David was persuaded to take an interest in the mill by local farmer and landowner Cyril Crow (who, as a boy, visited the mill, when it was still operating, with his father) and retired engineer John Hammond, both of whom helped out at Mill Open Days. He joined the team with Heather Wood and set about learning all about our 17th Century mill with typical enthusiasm.

When Cyril Crow stepped down as chairman of the Mill Committee in 1995, David took over.

David introduced guided tours – taking visitors round in organised groups to ensure safety in what can be a dangerous environment. He recruited and trained more local people as volunteer guides and organised a rota to cover the Open Days through the summer.

Most excitingly, as a press notice issued by the Society announces David was determined to get the sails turning and the mill turned into the wind on its post:
'Weather permitting, the new Chairman of the mill committee, David Newson and a band of enthusiasts are going to put canvas on the sails on Sunday morning 24th September at 10 am and give the mill and its machinery a whirl'.

Reflecting on his time, showing visitors over the mill, David says: "The children asked the most entertaining questions, like 'where's the motor, it must be a powerful one?'." Visiting millers were a frequent source of new information, as they helped us to get the sails turning and marvelled at the condition of this mill, much of which has existed for three and a half centuries.

For David, the special thing about Bourn Mill is "going inside the mill and seeing the miller's names and dates carved into the beams, and realising how many centuries millers actually spent their lives working this amazing machine, inventing improvements and serving the communities to earn an honest living.

The work was physically demanding, technically intricate, and needed a whole history of experience handed down from generation to generation to watch and handle the ingoing grain and the resulting trickle of fine meal ensuring the best possible product. The implements remaining in the mill show how the grinding stones were maintained and how the miller planned to improve his mill and refine his product.

It is a rewarding site for observation and discovery."
We thank David for his dedication, enthusiasm and tireless work. We are delighted that Kate Armstrong – our very supportive neighbour in the Mill Cottage, and Graham Bruce – have agreed to take over, with Kate organising the rota, and Graham leading the Guide Team and the technical side.

A virtuous circle of milling

Graham Bruce brings a wealth of knowledge as a professional commercial miller and more when he retires in May. With his long term involvement in the milling industry Graham is uniquely experienced to help CambridgePPF at Bourn.

After leaving Leeds University in 1975 with a degree in Agricultural Science, Graham Bruce joined Spillers-French Milling Ltd. As a trainee, he learned about animal feed and flour milling at various sites around the country.

Having decided to specialise in flour milling he developed his management experience and skills both here and in Switzerland, graduating as a Milling Technologist in 1979. With stints at mills around the country, Graham's career blossomed becoming Mill Manager in Newcastle. During his time there he was heavily involved in the design of a new mill for the site and then had the pleasure of commissioning and running it. The mill made the full range of flours from soft Wafer flour to the strongest of Bread flours, as well as Wholemeal and Chuputty.

In 1995, Graham moved to the Cambridge Mill, Spillers Milling's largest mill. It only made soft flours, but included within this were all the Company's speciality flours – dried, steam treated, cake, agglomerated and micro clean.

Retiring in May 2010, Graham is looking forward to developing his knowledge of wind milling both as the co-ordinator and as one of the volunteer guides at Bourn.

People are supportive....

Over recent years members and other local people have been fundraising and donating to help realise projects. This one is now coming to fruition. Grateful thanks to all involved.

The Banyard Hide

Having been a constant visitor to Wandlebury Country Park (both man and boy) I was more than delighted to join the committee some years ago, after being approached by Head Ranger Jon Gibbs, writes Tony Dellar.

With a keen interest in bird watching it was not long before the late Mike Banyard (former Wandlebury Committee Chairman) myself and several others were regularly pushing for a long overdue bird hide at the park.

Having ear-marked the site at the top of Varleys Field it was a case of raising funds for the project. At long last this mission has now been accomplished and I am pleased to say that a Summer 2010 completion is now anticipated. CambridgePPF is grateful recently to the family of the late John Gaskell; to Mrs. E Boynton, who has made two donations in memory of her husband, formerly a local Stapleford resident; also other anonymous donors for their generosity in helping us to reach our target in the closing weeks of 2009.

An upper floor will give good viewing across Varley's Field where Green Woodpeckers, Mistle Thrushes, Rooks, Crows and Jackdaws are very prominent; in the winter months, flocks of Fieldfare and Redwing are always a joy to see. The woodland area between the hide and the golf course often brings Jays, Wrens, various Tits and Goldcrests too.

The hide has been designed for good wheelchair access with the inclusion of a nearby small pool to give added attraction to both birds and wildlife in general. This will create another dimension to the park as well as the education programme.

The Banyard Hide, as it will be known, is something that we are all looking forward to in 2010.

In memoriam

John Gaskell's love of Wandlebury went back to 1971 when he came to Cambridge to work on the local newspaper. He was a regular walker through the woods and parklands with family and friends, and with his keen interest in horse racing, John particularly appreciated Wandlebury's connection with the famous Arabian Godolphin.

A kind donation in John's memory was made by his family, Anne, Tom and Jack, and his friends from Wigan and the Cambridge Folk Club who raised money in his name at a special memorial concert in October 2008.

VIEW FROM NORTH-EAST

For the work parties helping to construct the hide — please see diary 16 June or contact the Head Ranger.

Summer Performances:

— at Wandlebury

Sun 6 June 7.30 pm
Rain or Shine Theatre Company
'The Importance of Being Ernest'
Tickets are available in advance from: www.rainorshine.co.uk or Ticketweb telephone bookings: 08700 600100 or 01223 842600 or on the door (picnics from 6 pm)

Mon 21- Sat 26 June 8 pm
'King Lear'
in situ Theatre Company perform possibly Shakespeare's greatest tragedy in the extraordinary setting of Wandlebury's ancient hill-fort, an exciting walk-about production.
For more information see: www.insitutheatre.co.uk
Tickets: £11/£9 (concessions) Advance booking: The Junction 01223 511511 www.junction.co.uk

— at the Leper Chapel

Sun 20 June 8 pm
Cambridge Storytellers
'Tales from Eygpt'
A magical mid summer evening of storytelling with Cambridge Storytellers
Tickets on the door: £7/£5 (concessions)

Tues 6 – Sat 10 July 8 pm
***Insitu* Theatre 'Macbeth'**
Richard Spaul and Bella Stewart perform Shakespeare's study in personal and political violence and it effect on the soul, in an intense two-hander. Tickets: £11/£9 (concessions)

Mon 19 – Sat 24 July 8 pm
'Twelfth Night'
Shakespeare's classic comedy of gender ambiguity and lost identities, high-spirited and hilarious, melancholic and cruel. Another innovative production from ***insitu's*** talented ensemble.*Tickets: £11/£9 (concessions)* For more information see: *www.insitutheatre.co.uk*
Advance booking: The Junction 01223 511511 www.junction.co.uk

Every Thursday

Walk your way to health at Wandlebury

Join our weekly 'Healthy Walk' at 10 am (extended walk) or 10.30 am (shorter walk), finishing at 11 am for coffee. *Meet at the Stable Rooms.*

Walking is a safe way to health and fitness, as well as a chance to meet people and make new friends.

The walks are free of charge (£2 parking fee applies unless you are a CambridgePPF member). No need to pre-book — please arrive 10 minutes early to register on your 1st walk.

Supported by South Cambridgeshire District Council.

Thur 18 March

Guided Walk — Coton Countryside Reserve 5 pm

Meet at the Reserve's entrance off The Footpath, Coton. 2 to 2.5hour walk to look out for signs of spring and enjoy views. No booking required.

Free event — donations welcome.

Sun 21 March

Science Festival Open Day at Wandlebury: 'Diversity of Life'

Drop in from 11 am - 3.30 pm

Come to: Wandlebury Stable Rooms (Education Centre).

A special event for Cambridge University Science Festival — for all the family. Walk the nature trail through beautiful woods and pasture. Find out about the creatures living in these habitats- bees, bats, owls and creepy crawlies.

Nature Trail Booklets £1.00

No booking necessary.

Thur 25 March

Coton Countryside Reserve — Update and Consultation Evening

drop in any time between 5.30 and 7.30pm; or join a talk at 7.30pm.

Come to: the WI Hall, High Street, Coton (parking opposite and along road).

General update on planned works and events. Let us have your views and ideas to formulate the Phase 2 of the Reserve's Master Plan (including farming activities).

Tues 30 March

Moonlit Walk at Wandlebury

9.00—10.00 pm

A guided walk around Wandlebury — see it as you've never seen it before, by the light of a full moon. Bring a torch if you wish. *FREE – donations welcome.*

Booking is essential as places are limited.

Contact: CambridgePPF Ranger.

Sat 3 April

Easter Fun Day at Wandlebury

10.00 am – 4.00 pm

Come to: Wandlebury Stable Rooms (Education Centre).

Have fun with the Rangers, take part in the Wandlebury photo-trail egg hunt and Easter related crafts. Bring a packed lunch.

Booking is essential

Cost: £6 per child (CPPF members £4)

***Contact**: CambridgePPF Ranger.*

Wed 7 April

Easter Holiday Activity Day: Travel back through time at Wandlebury

10 am – 12.30 pm

Meet at: Wandlebury Stable Rooms (Education Centre).

Track down evidence of the past around the site, then get messy making 'wattle and daub' panels and Celtic styled artefacts. Old clothes advised! *Ages 7-12, Cost: £9 per child (CPPF members £6 per child), any accompanying adults free.*

Booking is essential as places are limited.

***Contact**: CambridgePPF Ranger.*

Wed 14 April

Wandlebury Nature Safaris

10 am – 12.30 pm

Meet at: Wandlebury Stable Rooms (Education Centre).

Be a nature detective: come and track down the mini-beasts/wildlife in our ponds and explore the Park for signs of Spring.

Stay on afterwards for a picnic? Ages 5 plus (children must be accompanied), £6 per child (CPPF members £4), adults free.

Booking is essential as places are limited.

***Contact**: CambridgePPF Ranger.*

Sat 17 April

Orienteering Taster Day at Wandlebury 10.00 am – 2.00 pm

Come along and try some orienteering, individuals/families/groups, everyone is welcome. Join the Rangers as they take you through the basic skills and then send you off on a short course. All ages welcome, but under 16s must be accompanied by an adult. Wear long trousers and suitable footwear. Setting off from the car park notice board on the hour from 10 am to 2 pm. No need to pre-book.

Cost: £5 per group (CPPF members £3).

Discovering Places Weekend:

part of the London 2012 Cultural Olympiad — see page 14 for details.

Sat 1 May

Morris Dancing at Wandlebury

5.30—6.15 am

Meet on the Picnic Field and watch the Devil's Dyke Morris Men as they dance to greet the summer sun as it rises above the woodlands at Wandlebury.

Free – donations welcome.

Sat 1 May

May Day Celebration at Wandlebury

10.00 am – 4.00 pm

Meet at the Stable Rooms for Maypole dancing and craft activities. Prize for the best dressed Green Man and May Queen. Bring a picnic and enjoy the day.

No need to pre-book.

Cost: £5 per child (CPPF members £3).

Sun 2 May

Dawn Chorus Walk at Wandlebury

4.30—7.00 am

Celebrate International Dawn Chorus Day by joining the Rangers and a local expert for a walk around the Country Park and listen to the birds as they welcome the rising sun, then return to Stable Rooms for a cup of hot soup.

Cost: £3 per person (CPPF members £2)

Pre-book with CambridgePPF Ranger.

Mon 3 May

Coton Countryside Reserve Springtime Guided Walk

10.00 am – 12.30 pm

joint event with local CPRE group

Meet at: The Martin Car Park

Enjoy the local countryside in Spring - wildlife, views and update on the development of the Reserve.

No booking required.

Free – donation welcome.

Sat 22 May

A Celebration of Trees at Wandlebury

Drop in 11.00—3.00pm

Joint event with Arboricultural Association. Gardeners Questions, Tree Surgeon demonstrations, cherry picker rides, Storytellers and much more.

Bring a picnic and get to know trees.

FREE event — donation welcome.

Sunday 16 May

Hinxton Mill - Drawing Picnic

10am to 3.30

Enjoy a summer's day with your favourite pencils/ crayons/ markers inside and around the fascinating and historic water mill, in the company of drawing enthusiast Jon Harris. Bring something comfy, stool or cushion, to sit on; the clipboard and paper or pads and clips you like to work with, and a good picnic with water or juice – it maybe a hot day! We invite you to begin the day from 10am onwards, or come for the afternoon session from 1.30pm, or both. End at 3.30 with a quarter-hour's running of the mill turbine and machinery!

Free event - booking essential; donations welcome to support the Mill.

***Contact:** CambridgePPF Office.*

Environment Week

Sun 6 June

Make your own Scarecrow at the Coton Countryside Reserve

Drop in between 11am—3.30pm

From Martin Car Park follow the signs out on the day up to Red Meadow Hill.

Let imagination run wild — get creative and make weird and wonderful scarecrows. Use recycled materials provided but please bring your own bits and bobs to add in as well. All scarecrows will be on display in the Reserve until the end of June (and then recycled). Bring your own picnic and enjoy the views. Free event — donations welcome.

Sat 19 June

Mammal Day at Wandlebury 10.00 am – 4.00 pm *Meet at:* Wandlebury Stable Rooms (Education Centre).

Come along and investigate the mammals which can be found at Wandlebury Country Park - look for tracks and signs, dissect owl pellets and small mammal trapping.

Bring a packed lunch. Booking essential.

Cost: £5 per child (CPPF members £3).

Contact: CambridgePPF Ranger.

Wed 16 June

Work Party: Help build the Bird Hide at Wandlebury

Come for the morning 10-12am or afternoon session 1-3pm or both.

Help volunteer to build part of the new Bird Hide overlooking Varley's Field, a new feature for the park. Bring a picnic.

FREE event but booking required.

***Contact:** CambridgePPF Ranger.*

Sun 20 June

Hinxton Garden Party & Mill Visits

2.30 to 5.30 - (Hats optional)

Come and enjoy a beautiful summer Strawberry Cream tea in a marquee close by Hinxton Watermill, with guided tours of the Mill. Tombola, craft and clog dancing display. Keep the date free in your diary—more information to follow—check our website. *New members especially welcome.* Help us raise funds for the Mill and Hinxton Church.

***Contact**: CambridgePPF Office*

Sun 20 June

Midsummer Guided Walk followed by Coton Village Cream Tea

1pm meet at the Coton Countryside Reserve's Notice Board off Coton Footpath, Coton. 2 to 2.5hour countryside walk ending at the village green where a wonderful selection of cakes and tea will be on offer.

Free event — donations appreciated: any refreshments purchased will support Coton's historic Church.

Sat 3 July

Wandlebury Iron Age Hillfort - Archaeology Festival

Drop in between 12 noon and 5 pm

At: Wandlebury Stable Rooms (Education Centre)

Hands on activities for all the family, guided walks, 'excavate' for artefacts, meet re-enactors from Icenium and have your unknown finds identified. Come in costume for the 'Best dressed Roman or Celt competition'.

Cost: £2 per adult (children free) CPPF members £1.

Sat 31 July

Butterfly, Moth & Insect Safari at Wandlebury 10.00 am – 4.00 pm

Meet at: Wandlebury Stable Rooms (Education Centre).

Check moth traps set the night before, go on a 'mini beast safari' around the Country Park, discover the secret lives of some of our smallest creatures. Bring a packed lunch. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Booking is essential as places are limited.

Cost: £5 per child (CPPF members £3)

Contact: CambridgePPF Ranger.

Mill Openings in 2010

Sunday 9 May, 6 June, 4 July, 1 August, 5 September

Hinxton Watermill Open Days

2.30 pm- 5.30 pm

Discover this working watermill, dating back to the Doomsday Book, owned by Cambridge Past, Present & Future, in picturesque surroundings in the village of Hinxton.

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Other events

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Coton through the year

Here is just a flavour of some of the activities which happened on the Countryside Reserve over the course of a year.

The Spring was a busy period with further tidying up of the car park area and seeing the conclusion of some of the outstanding contract work. Following the good weather we were able to remove some of the major ruts in the future picnic area near the Wheatcases Barn and the grass sward was been resown. The wildflowers sown last year started to emerge with the Red Campion showing their bright magenta flowers.

Farm Sunday and walks

Despite the initial deluge of rain, over 70 people came to explore the Reserve in October last year. We are very grateful to all the farm professionals who volunteered their time for the day. The Farm Manager of the Cambridge University Farm, his consultants and contractors who came to showcase how the farm is managed. The current Farm Manager illustrated the different crops grown and the products made from these.

A short guided walk with the Society's Head Ranger and the farm's Crop Protection Consultant described the work required for growing crops and managing land for public access. The latest and largest machinery could be seen, some using high technology such as laser piloting of machinery and satellite linked software to control, for example, fertiliser applications. Since it is common for farms to specialise in just some farming operations to be more cost-effective, the Trumpington Farm Company is contracted to undertake the cultivation of the soil ready for sowing and to apply fertilisers and pesticides. The University Farm only undertakes the harvesting works in mid summer. The combine harvester can harvest 100 acres or 500 tonnes per day!

Ivor Clarke talked about the farm in the post war period when his father farmed the land and local villager, Edie Bradford, kindly brought his collection of vintage tractor and attachments highlighting the stark contrast between the two furrow plough of yesteryear and the modern 11 furrow plough. How the workings of farms have changed over the last 50 years!

Recent summer walks, including the annual highlight of the Coton Cream Tea event, were well supported with many walkers enjoying an incredible range of cakes and tea and art displays on the green and in the church. The next Walk and Cream Tea is on 20 June 2010 — see diary.

First seats in the Reserve

Jean Sell and her late husband Richard Sell organised a collection and family and friends together with representatives from the Society and Coton Parish Council inaugurated the wooden seat in April. It was installed in memory of Major Graham Sell of 9th Jat Regiment, Indian Army, who spent his boyhood at the Coton Rectory, served in the Far East and died of his wounds at Imphal in April 1944 aged 23. The park bench is located at Manor Field (the meadow adjacent to the village sewage works) and has thought provoking inscriptions. From here there are good views to St Peter's Church and the newly created meadow and its orchard.

At the balancing pond (Martin Car Park), a tree sculptor has made a semi-circular bench of oak sourced from East Anglia. It provides a relaxing vantage point with views over the pond area and beyond. Using an old kayak, the Ranger Team successfully launched the specially made floating island so that in time wildfowl can make the most of this potential nesting site in relative safety from predators such as the fox. We are grateful to the Waste Recycling Group Ltd, through the Landfill Communities Fund, for financing the viewing deck, pond, interpretation panel and picnic area.

New Hedge off Brook Lane

In late November as part of National Tree Week we again organised a community planting event to increase the 'woody plant coverage' at the Reserve. A new hedge of over 100 metres long has been created by enthusiastic volunteers – some repeat supporters. Like other hedges it is full of our wonderful native and attractive hedge species and interspersed with future standard trees – such as ash, oak, cherry and small-leaved lime. If all goes well, this hedge may become a traditionally layered hedge to allow long views over the arable field.

In partnership with the County Council's Right of Way Team we have obtained suitable, reasonably local and free topsoil to improve the paths areas at the young woodland near Brook Lane. The soil originated from the bridleway improvement works adjacent to Haley Wood, an ancient woodland and SSSI, which is a wonderful reserve for many native species of flora and fauna. Thus we have imported *seed-rich* soil with valuable local woodland species which will then populate our young woodland. Grasses and herbs will also make their appearance, however final grading will be undertaken in spring and some additional grass seed will be incorporated (as per other already seeded permissive grass tracks within the Reserve), but giving enough gaps to ensure the imported seed can establish itself, too.

Update and Consultation Evening on the Coton Countryside Reserve on **25 March 2010** evening — for details please see diary page 8.

Fencing Works

Over the next several months further fencing works will be undertaken at various locations in the Reserve as well as the dog-run completed at the woodland off the Coton Footpath.

Derek Stubbings

"One major part of the job of being a Cambridge Past, Present and Future Warden or Ranger is meeting the visitors", writes Bill Clark, retired CambridgePPF Warden and Wandlebury resident. It soon becomes obvious who are regulars - inevitably one gets to know them and spends a little more time with them, encouraging them to support the work at Wandlebury or, better still, become members of the Society.

Derek Stubbings was one such introducing himself and his first wife Elizabeth, during either my first or second weekend in the summer of 1973. Not for him an unseeing walk from A to B and back in the fresh air, he wanted to quiz the new Warden and see if he was up to the task!

From that day onwards, whether it was in Wandlebury or in town, I would often hear a cheery greeting, and then I would be notified of some problem he had noticed on his walk or be congratulated on some recent work that had been done. I am not sure when he joined CambridgePPF, but he was also heavily involved with the Chesterton Local History Group, of which he was chairman for twenty-five years, visited and helped other local history groups, the Cambridgeshire Collection and the Folk Museum. Once he had retired our paths crossed even more often – it was not unusual to be asked to give an opinion on some trees or building work in his beloved Chesterton.

He got quite excited when he heard about our plans to grass down what is now 'Varley's Field', and told me of his sadness, when some years ago a similar meadow on the edge of Linton was built over, and how he had visited and rescued some plants of Meadow Saxifrage and still nurtured them in his lawn. "You shall have every seed they produce this summer" was his gleeful comment. As it happened they were very reluctant to get started at Wandlebury. I sowed the seeds from three different seasons in various areas, in the hope of catching the right soil conditions – at last, being rewarded by a scattering of five single plants in the north corner of Varley's. Eventually I was able to take Derek and Elizabeth – who has just confided that she was terminally ill – to see a fine clump of twenty or so.

One day in 1998 Derek proudly introduced me to Rosemary – a lady I already knew as a Wandlebury visitor – saying that she had just accepted his proposal of marriage. I gave my congratulations, although with their common love of Wandlebury, I didn't really need to wish them happiness!

Upon hearing of Derek's passing, I was proud to represent the CPPF at his funeral service at St Andrew's Church Chesterton on 21 October. I was quite surprised to hear my name mentioned during his son David's appreciation, as someone Derek liked to meet, but not at all surprised to hear of his love for the countryside, and Wandlebury in particular, or that the family had requested that donations in his memory should be made to the CPPF.

Cambridge PPF is extremely grateful for the donations in memory of Derek Stubbings kindly collected by family and friends. Donations such as these provide invaluable funding to help the work that we undertake each year maintaining each of the properties in our care — see page 15.

CambridgePPF responds to Consultations

Cambridgshire Horizons—Current Consultation on our Green Infrastructure

A review of the 2006 edition of the Green Infrastructure Strategy by Cambridgeshire Horizons and its partners is underway. Initially it encompassed a range of outdoors places and spaces including rivers and watercourses, country parks, woodlands, hedgerows, public rights of way and much more.

The review of the Strategy now includes the whole of Cambridgeshire and proposes four key objectives:

- to reverse the decline in biodiversity,
- to mitigate and adapt to climate change,
- to promote sustainable growth and economic development and
- to support healthy living and wellbeing.

Is your favourite walk, wildlife area and countryside pursuit protected and on the list for long-term improvement?

Please comment by 7 March 2010 latest directly to Cambridgeshire Horizons For details including local exhibitions please see — www.cambridgeshirehorizons.co.uk

Cambridge City Council: Parks and Open Spaces 'Strategy' 2009 to 2013

CambridgePPF has responded to the City Council's consultation on its paper for managing, maintaining and improving the value of the city's green spaces — our full response is on our website.

Our main cause for criticism was that whilst the strategy recognised the sub-standard provision of green open space in the City and the worsening position over the next decade, it failed to address what to do about this fundamental problem. Its approach implied that, with the proposed new housing developments, the problem of providing green open space by the City Council would get worse rather than better and that there is little that can be done about this situation:

This is an approach that CambridgePPF strongly refutes.

CambridgePPF believes that green open spaces are vital to creating dynamic communities, improving the quality of life for residents, mitigating climate change and in keeping the city an attractive to live and work.

We have asked that the City Council discard this "strategy", and produce a new version that clarifies the future provision of public open space, including how the basic standard of provision is to be re-attained in the future.

We concluded that

- there is a need for a strategy for all open spaces in and around the city, including City Council, SCDC and privately owned sites irrespective of who manages each individual area.
- the document did not grasp the reality of declining provision of local green spaces.
- it is paramount to commence the diversification and creation of distinctiveness of parks particularly located between city centre edge and edge of the proposed urban extensions (quasi housing areas developed between 1930s and 1990s). It is essential that modern and high quality primary parks (higher amenity parks such as 'Christ's Pieces') are being also provided in areas such as Cherry Hinton, Arbury, Abbey etc as they all deserve better than current provisions.
- much open space in Cambridge is sterile habitat for wildlife – playing fields, mown grass, formal areas etc – and we need more wild areas to encourage biodiversity as per the City Council's Nature Conservation Strategy.
- the strategy report includes a useful analysis of the public benefits arising from providing green open space. This should be used to argue the case for an expansion of open space in the new City/ South Cambs developments so as to re-attain the basic standard level of provision.
- the area of children's play space may currently meet the City Council's minimum standard of provision but by 2021 it will also be in deficit – and presumable in breach of the Council's own Charter for Play.
- we not wish to see further fragmentation of any green or open spaces – and in particular small spaces - in the City with built developments such as community centres, formal sports facilities etc.
- all parks and open spaces are fully master-planned to ensure gradual improvements are achieved resulting in tranquil and high quality parks and open spaces for all local people.

The Society is keen to further support this process as it considers that **green space provision is the quality denominator for current and future generations** and one of the vital building blocks to ensure not only that citizens stay healthy, happy and relaxed but that it also benefits biodiversity, tackles climate change issues and supports the reduction of the overall environmental footprint of the city.

Coton Countryside Reserve applauded in UK Green Belt Report

A new report from Natural England - the government's independent advisor on the natural environment – has named Coton Countryside Reserve in Cambridge as an example of how Green Belt land in and around busy urban centres should be protected and used.

Coton Countryside Reserve is one of fourteen sites in the country identified in *Green Belts: a Greener Future* – the first major survey to evaluate the environmental state of Green Belt Land in the UK.

Produced jointly by Natural England and the Campaign for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE), the report highlights the need for Green Belt land to be managed positively to enhance the natural environment and the lives of people in and around major conurbations. It recommends that Green Belt areas in the UK, like Coton Countryside Reserve, should be:

- **Recognised and protected:** Rather than being regarded as a planning designation, Green Belt land should be actively managed to deliver attractive landscapes, wildlife rich habitats, places for recreation, healthy soils, fresh water, woodland and improved air quality.
- **Invested in and improved:** Green Belt land should be protected as an open rural area but also actively used as a recreational resource and a production source for local food, fuel and fibre.
- **Better connected and networked:** Pockets of Green Belt should be linked to other urban green spaces and the wider countryside to form ecological and green

recreation networks that can help tackle the challenges of climate change and population health.

CambridgePPF was instrumental in the creation of the Green Belt in the 1960s, which was one of the most important planning steps ever taken locally and its influence – particularly on the urban fringes – continues to this day.

Today Cambridge faces extreme challenges with up to 50% growth forecast by 2031. While recognising the need for some expansion, the Society believes the city should evolve in a sustainable way that retains and makes most sympathetic use of the green spaces available. We campaign vigorously on this and do not believe it is necessary in the foreseeable future to release more Green Belt land to accommodate housing growth. Instead, we must continue to find exciting ways of better managing the local landscape so local communities can enjoy it for years to come. We have been doing this successfully at Wandlebury since the 1950s and are in the first phase of improving the landscape at Coton along similar lines.

We are delighted that Natural England has highlighted to a wider audience the vital importance of the Coton Reserve and the Green Belt and thus their importance to the future of Cambridge and the need for ongoing support and funding.

In the meantime, we will continue to champion the tremendous value and benefits of the Green Belt to local people. 'Green Belts: a Greener Future' see www.naturalengland.org.uk/about_us/news/2010/280110.aspx and www.CPRE.org.uk

Regional Spatial Strategy

In autumn 2009, the East of England Regional Assembly issued for consultation a document outlining four possible growth scenarios for the next regional development plan, to cover the years 2021 to 2031.

CambridgePPF has submitted a response and wishes to thank all the members who submitted comments. To see our full response, please visit our website.

Our main proposals are that:

- EERA adopt a new scenario 5 which, while accepting the housing targets suggested in Scenario 1, contends that 2036 is a more realistic target date. That is, the Society supports further building of homes at an annual rate of 25% lower than that proposed.
- No development should take place without adequate provision of infrastructure, before people move in, not afterwards.
- Quality of design, not only of the physical build but also to create vibrant communities, needs very significant improvement.
- It is important to take the opportunity to review how the financial risks, particularly for the provision of infrastructure, are divided between local and central government and developers.
- All new developments must include adequate green space, at least up to the standard provision recommended by government, and no sums of money should be taken in lieu.
- With sufficient land already identified in the Cambridge sub-region for realistic housing development in the next 25 years, there is no justification for a further review of the Cambridge Green Belt.

A presentation summarising all comments has been made by EERA's officers to the Regional Assembly and gives an update on the emerging option for growth following the consultation process in 2009 – for details see http://www.eera.gov.uk/GetAsset.aspx?id=fAAzADYANAA3AHwAfABGAGEAbABzAGUAfAB8ADAAfAA1

This analysis of initial feedback by EERA concluded that a third of respondents gave a preferred growth scenario:

- 51% said none of those suggested (and most wanted a lower scenario tested); 24% scenario preferred 1, 12% scenario 3, 7% scenario 2, 6% scenario 4; and the majority of local authorities suggested scenario 1 or lower as preferred scenario
- unsurprisingly lower growth was favoured by individuals and higher growth by developers, unfortunately relatively low response was received from the business sector
- concern was raised in relation to regional impacts, infrastructure provision (including concern on water quality), overall delivery, damaging impact of house price imbalances and need for affordable housing in the region
- some wanted to see greater emphasis on changes in behaviour (transport related or lifestyle including low impact living).

The East of England Development Agency [EEDA] is supportive of scenario 1 principles, but also concerned to ensure that competitive business locations were fully supported (i.e. elements of scenario 3). The Draft Plan is to be considered by the Assembly on 12th March 2010 for submission to Government and then to be issued for public consultation, however dates are not yet confirmed.

Special Ring Edition on Green Spaces — call for volunteer researchers and contributions

Together with volunteers keen on Green Space matters we are currently preparing a document highlighting some of the key issues facing our local Green Spaces — existing and new ones. Cambridge is very fortunate in having such a wealth of Green Spaces within walking distance of the City Centre. However, each one needs nurturing in different ways so that they can be preserved and handed onto future generations in a better state.

Pressure will continue to use Green Spaces in different ways but it is important to be alert to the constant threat to the condition and status of these precious amenities - e.g. there were originally 15 commons within the City boundaries, by 1954 the number had been reduced to 10. The last piece of common land was lost in 1960.

The project we have in mind will cover the geo-topography, history, planning, legal issues, biodiversity and the way in which each space is used and ideas of a vision for the future — **do you have any ideas or concerns which we should address?**

Can you help gathering vital data and summarise issues and thoughts? All to be published later on in the year.

Please urgently contact us — tel 01223 243830.

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Art meets architecture

Between 26th September and 3rd October 2009 two Fine Art Graduates from the Cambridge School of Art, Debby Lauder and Anna Salamon held an exhibition in the Leper Chapel.

Despite very different artistic practices, they choose to work collaboratively on a single piece of artwork enabling the result to benefit from their differing strengths.

Responding to the building as a whole, it's beautiful physical interior and properties of light were addressed alongside narratives associated with the building's history: the transient nature and social status of the lepers; in particular the ritual of the 'Mass of Separation' were evoked through the use of earth and translucent material.

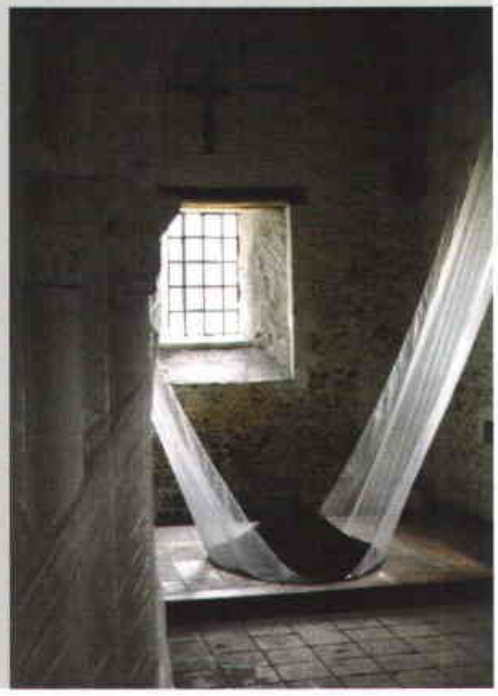
Well over 100 visitors visited the exhibition during the week and comments placed in the artists' visitor book included:

" Linking the past history of this building by 21st Century artists is powerful. Very peaceful."

"Very atmospheric and thought-provoking use of this wonderful building!"

"Very poetic."

Both artists were very grateful to CPPF and the Friends of the Leper Chapel for giving them the opportunity to exhibit in the building and for their support throughout the project.



Hedgerows Course

On 7th and 8th November 2009, CPPF joined forces with the Council for the Protection of Rural England (CPRE) to offer a weekend hedgerows course at Wandlebury Country Park.

Thanks to a grant from CPRE's head office, 30 people from diverse walks of life were able to enjoy two days of talks and hands-on experience entirely devoted to hedgerows.

The course began on Saturday morning with a presentation in the Education Centre by Chief Ranger Jon Gibbs. Jon covered the history of hedges and maintenance methods and the group learnt amongst other things that 'no management' results in continual widening of the hedge until the land of either side becomes a copse. Hence the importance of managing hedgerows! In the afternoon the course participants toured the park to look at hedges which had been planted, or coppiced, or treated by laying. The day was rounded off with a talk by Fabiola Blum, the Biodiversity Partnership Co-ordinator for Cambridgeshire who described the diversity of wildlife associated with hedges and provided a list of possible sources of funding.

The next morning , the party divided into three groups for some practical experience of hedge laying, coppicing hazel, and planting a hedge of 115 containerised holly plants. Needless to say, there were full explanations of how to use the various pieces of equipment, and all work was carried out under the supervision of Jon and his two assistants Nick and Sam.

Soup and buffet lunch on both days was provided at the Education Centre by CPRE committee members Grace Everson and Shirley Fieldhouse.

The course was attended by people from as far afield as Wisbech, Bury (near Ramsey) and Colchester, as well as by people from the Cambridge area. Participants included parish council tree wardens, farmers, owners of recently purchased pasture land, an allotment society officer, a parish nature reserve volunteer, an RSPB warden, a Slovakian lady who intends to create a big garden on her return home, a mature student of countryside management, and a landscape gardener. One emailed afterwards:

"Just a quick line to thank CPRE, you and your team, including the rangers who led us, for the really splendid course at Wandlebury. Personally, I learnt a lot and now feel a great deal more confident at tackling hedging jobs even though I am quite sure I lack many points of technique...A very worthwhile course, worth repeating if funding allows. Everyone I spoke to in the car park on leaving seemed to come away having enjoyed the course and felt the same."

Discovering Places Weekend 1-3 May

Discovering Places is part of the London 2012 Cultural Olympiad, a 3 year campaign leading up to the Games in 2012, led by the Heritage Alliance, in partnership with organisations working in the historic, built and natural environments. This UK-wide programme aims to give people the opportunity to discover, explore, be inspired by and benefit from our nation's hidden gems - historic andcontemporary buildings, public spaces and natural places in and around the cities, towns and villages where they live and work. The project is being launched by holding the "Discovering Places Weekend 2010 ". Events will be held at venues around the country — *see page 8 for CambridgePPF events.*

New Phone System

With more activity in the CambridgePPF office, our old 'phone system was creaking and many of you told us how frustrating it was to find the 'phone constantly engaged.

Just before Christmas we had a new system installed with extra line capacity, together with a new telecoms provider resulting in lower call and line rental charges, offsetting some of the costs.

We now have just one number – 01223 243830 - for both the Ranger Service and the Office Team. We can transfer calls direct to Head Ranger, Jon Gibbs, and you can leave messages on his voicemail if he is unable to answer straight away.

In the Office the new system is helping us to work more efficiently – callers can get through directly to the person they want to speak to (or leave a message for them), and our Accounts & Admin Officer, Jenny Dulieu, has more uninterrupted time to concentrate on accounts. We have also noticed a marked, and welcome, decrease in the volume of cold calling and automated marketing calls!

To get through to the person you want to speak to in the Office, just dial our extension number once the 'phone is answered:

Carolin Göhler – Chief Executive	ext 203
Jenny Dulieu – Accounts & Admin including bookings	ext 201
Janet Cornish – Properties & Membership	ext 202
Mary Nealon – Development & Fundraising	ext 204
Nigel Bell – Planning Support	ext 205

Let's get more members!

We are calling on everybody to get involved in the work of **Cambridge Past Present & Future** - together we can influence the debate about the future development of Cambridge and its surroundings. With more members we stand a better chance of being heard. **So if you are not already a member please join us now — *see back page for details.***

We have been around for over 80 years some of our major achievements include: -

- Protecting Grantchester Meadows from development
- Saving the Gog Magog Hills from development
- Protecting Cambridge's oldest complete building, the Leper Chapel
- Aiding the establishment of the Cambridge Green Belt
- Currently creating Coton Countryside Reserve
- Supporting the local Green Infrastructure Strategy , benefiting wildlife and people—with more green spaces for all.

If you are already a member we need your help, too. Please ask your friends, family, neighbours and work colleagues to join us so together we can influence the decisions that are shaping the future of Cambridge.

We need Volunteers

We are so grateful to the band of volunteers who help us with a huge range of tasks such as running the Healthy Walks programme, helping with conservation work, joining one of our Working Groups or helping with practicalities in the office and everything in between.

At the present time we are especially looking for help with developing a new database system, to keep our membership records in good order and to assist with our fundraising endeavours. If you might be interested in learning more about how to get involved get in touch with Mary Nealon.

Legacies and In Memoriam

At Cambridge Past, Present & Future we are very grateful to all those who support our work, whether this is by becoming a member, members who add donations to their subscription, or other supporters and donors of all descriptions. We thank you for your support – without this we would not be able to operate.

We are asked from time to time about other ways to support the work of CambridgePPF.

In Memoriam Gifts

We especially appreciate donations given in memory of a loved one. A donation to Cambridge Past, Present & Future is a wonderful tribute to someone who has enjoyed the beauty of natural places or historic buildings. We welcome general donations or ones for a particular area of our work.

Adding a codicil to your Will to help Cambridge PPF

Some people have asked how to adapt their existing Will to leave a bequest to CambridgePPF. This is a simple process.

Just add a codicil (a supplement) to your existing Will. The codicil must be signed by you and that signature witnessed by two people, who do not have to be the same witnesses as when the Will was originally signed. In order to assist you we have produced a simple codicil form to leave a bequest to Cambridge Past, Present & Future.

If you would like a form, more information or help about adding CambridgePPF to your will, or making a donation in memory of a loved one do please get in touch with Mary Nealon, who will be happy to discuss these matters, in the strictest confidence, with you.

You can speak to Mary Nealon on 01223 243830 ext 204 or e-mail development@cambridgeppf.org

Application for Membership

Please enrol me / us -

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